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WASHINGTON--Following a pattern which the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee has thoroughly exposed, the Communist propaganda machine moved in strength to promote a meeting last May in behalf of a ban on nuclear tests, Senator James O. Eastland said today.

"The Communists publicized the meeting well in advance through their own and sympathetic periodicals," Senator Eastland said. "What is more, a tried and true party-liner showed up in a strategic position as organizer of the meeting."

"The affair, in Madison Square Garden May 19, was sponsored by the Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, which includes in its leadership and in its membership many persons of national prominence and of unquestionable integrity and sincerity.

"Chief organizer of the Garden meeting, however, was one Henry H. Abrams of 11 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y., who was a veteran member of the Communist Party. The Subcommittee subpoenaed him, placed him under oath and questioned him at some length. It is to the credit of the officers of the organization that, when Abrams' record of Communist connections was brought to their attention, Abrams was immediately discharged.

"It may be expected, however, that the American Communists will continue efforts to use non-Communist organizations in this country to serve their own purposes."

Abrams made generous use of the Fifth amendment in his testimony before the Subcommittee. He declined to deny that he was or had been a member of the Communist Party or various Communist clubs or the Young Communist League. He was silent, even as to whether his home address and his home phone were used by headquarters of the Upper Manhattan Sane Nuclear Policy committee. He invoked the Fifth amendment on questions as to whether he was a member of the accounting firm of Schneider and Abrams, whether he has served as an accountant for the Upper Manhattan Sane Nuclear Policy Committee, for the Greater New York Committee of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, for the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, which has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist front, or for the Communist Party, U.S.A., itself.

The Internal Security Subcommittee in 1958 exposed another veteran Communist, A. G. Mezerick, as the organizer and moving spirit behind a dinner which, though ostensibly honoring Nobel Prize winners, actually turned out to be a propaganda "spectacular" for the nuclear test ban movement.

The Subcommittee's inquiries into Communist influences in the United States government and in the United Nations long ago revealed the Communist trick of placing its agents in positions from which they could manipulate personnel and policies.

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